

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: ADHESIVE FILM AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME AS WELL AS ADHESIVE SHEET AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Group: 1771

Examiner: Anish P. DESAI
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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December 13, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2007, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims (that is, claims 1-20 and 24-26, which the Examiner characterizing as being drawn to an adhesive film).

The election-of-species requirement, to elect a single species from each of Group A, Group B and Group C, set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed September 20, 2007, is noted. In response thereto, Applicants respectfully elect the species wherein the epoxy resin is solid at room temperature (Group 1A) for the epoxy resin; respectfully elect the polyamide resin obtained by reacting an acid dianhydride...polyimide resin (Group 1B), for the polyimide; and respectfully elect the phenol based epoxy resin curing agent (Group 1C), for the epoxy resin curing agent.

As indicated by the Examiner, claim 2 corresponds to the epoxy resin that is a solid at room temperature; claim 5 corresponds to the polyamide resin obtained by reacting an acid dianhydride...total polyimide resin; and claim 7 corresponds to the phenol based epoxy resin curing agent.

The Examiner indicates that claims 1, 4, 6 and 15-20 are generic to the Group I claims. In addition to generic claims reading on the elected species, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 5, 7, 25 and 26 also read on the elected species. That is, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-7, 15-20, 25 and 26 read on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, examination of the claims reading on the elected species, of the Group I claims, on the merits in due course, is respectfully requested.

Upon allowance of any of the generic claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the withdrawn Group I claims are to be re-joined in the above-identified application and allowed to issue in a U.S. patent based thereon.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP,

Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 1204.45684X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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